

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please hold in abeyance all requirements for corrections to the drawings until the case has been allowed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel all current claims without prejudice.
Please add claims 46 - 70, as shown below.

-- 46. (New) A dried shark repellent chemical slurry conglomerate comprising at least one molded and hardened shape that creates a slow melting characteristic configuration, said shape comprising no less than two thirds sodium lauryl sulfate by volume, and no more than one third sodium sulfate by volume.

-- 47. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 46 which includes in its original mixture as much as 30% by volume of a water soluble binder.

-- 48. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 47 wherein said water soluble binder is a polyvinyl acetate resin latex.

-- 49. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 46 further comprising a waterproof, dried-on coating of a liquid caulking material.

-- 50. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 49 wherein said waterproof, dried-on coating of liquid caulking material is a polyurethane-based caulking.

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-- 51. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 46 further comprising at least one outer, dried-on liquid coating of a water soluble composition.

-- 52. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 51 wherein said outer, dried-on liquid coating of a water soluble composition is a polyvinyl acetate resin latex.

-- 53. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 46 further comprising a partially imbedded wire that protrudes from the surface of said slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate.

-- 54. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 46 wherein said conglomerate is a unitary longitudinal member having an outer dimension and further comprising restrictive areas therealong said restrictive areas having smaller dimensions than said outer dimension.

-- 55. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 54 formed with bulkheads interspersed along its length said bulkheads having at least one hole therein.

-- 56. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 46 said chemical conglomerate being at least partially coated with a dried waterproof sealant for restricting dispersion of said chemical conglomerate into water, said coating

acting as a container for enclosing said chemical conglomerate.

-- 57. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 56 wherein said sealant comprises a polyurethane based caulking.

-- 58. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 56 wherein said container is of a soda pop type designed metal can with a pop top opening tab, creating a hole in the lid when activated.

-- 59. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 56 wherein said container is a plastic container with a pop top hinged plastic lid portion, creating a small opening in said lid when activated.

-- 60. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 56 wherein said container comprises a lid and at least one aperture disposed in the surface of said container lid communicating with the opposite side thereof.

-- 61. (New) A dried shark repellent chemical slurry conglomerate comprising at least one molded and hardened shape that creates a slow melting characteristic configuration, said shape comprising no less than two thirds sodium lauryl sulfate by volume, and no more than one third sodium sulfate by volume, said shape being housed in a water insoluble container.

-- 62. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 61 wherein said conglomerate housed in a water insoluble container includes in its original mixture as much as 30% by volume of a water soluble binder.

D2 -- 63. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 62 wherein said water soluble binder is a polyvinyl acetate resin latex.

-- 64. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 61 wherein said insoluble container is mechanically mounted together with at least one other identical container, said

containers having water soluble closures that melt in water at differing rates.

-- 65. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 64 wherein said insoluble containers are not identical.

-- 66. (New) The slow melting, shaped, shark repelling chemical conglomerate of claim 64 wherein said grouping of insoluble containers include at least one container that has a manually opened closure that is insoluble in water and/or at least one container whose opening hole has no closure.

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-- 67. (New) A dried, granulated shark repellent chemical slurry conglomerate housed in a water insoluble container that has a manually opened closure that is insoluble in water.

-- 68. (New) The dried, granulated shark repellent chemical slurry conglomerate of claim 67 pressure compacted into at least one molded and hardened shape that creates a slow melting characteristic configuration.

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-- 69. (New) The dried, granulated, compacted shark repellent chemical slurry conglomerate of claim 68 comprising at least one molded and hardened shape that creates a slow melting characteristic configuration, said shape being housed in a water insoluble container having a lid with a closed opening.

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-- 70. (New) The dried, granulated, compacted shark repellent chemical slurry conglomerate of claim 68 comprising at least one molded and hardened shape that creates a slow melting characteristic configuration, said shape being coated with a water soluble coating.

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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.